

ORDINANCE NO. 09-3698

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 08-3688 DEALING WITH WATER AND SEWER
RATES TO CORRECT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR AND MAKING
THE RATES ADOPTED RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2009.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 08-3688 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

1. Water Rates for All Residential and Commercial Users within the Corporate Limits:

BI-MONTHLY CHARGES:

Meter Size (In Inches)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
3/4 X 5/8	\$ 15.46	\$ 16.62	\$ 17.87	\$ 19.21	\$ 20.65	\$ 22.20
1	\$ 31.93	\$ 34.33	\$ 36.91	\$ 39.68	\$ 42.66	\$ 45.86
1.5	\$ 59.80	\$ 64.29	\$ 69.12	\$ 74.31	\$ 79.69	\$ 85.89
2	\$ 92.96	\$ 99.94	\$ 107.44	\$ 115.50	\$ 124.17	\$ 133.49
3	\$ 181.58	\$ 195.20	\$ 209.84	\$ 225.58	\$ 242.50	\$ 260.89
4	\$ 281.51	\$ 302.63	\$ 325.33	\$ 349.73	\$ 375.96	\$ 404.16
6	\$ 891.68	\$ 958.56	\$1,030.46	\$1,107.75	\$1,190.84	\$1,280.16
8	\$1,239.52	\$1,332.49	\$1,432.43	\$1,539.87	\$1,655.36	\$1,779.52
10	\$1,781.80	\$1,915.44	\$2,059.10	\$2,213.54	\$2,379.56	\$2,558.03

In addition to the fixed charge set forth above, each residential and commercial water customer of the utility shall pay an additional sum for every 100 cubic fee of water consumed.

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$2.27	\$2.44	\$2.62	\$2.82	\$3.03	\$3.26

2. Water Rates for all Industrial Users with the Corporate Limits:

BI-MONTHLY CHARGES

Meter Size (In Inches)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	\$ 2,722.66	\$ 2,926.86	\$ 3,146.38	\$ 3,382.36	\$ 3,636.04	\$ 3,908.75
2	\$ 2,529.15	\$ 2,718.84	\$ 2,922.75	\$ 3,141.96	\$ 3,377.61	\$ 3,630.93
3	\$ 5,059.52	\$ 5,438.99	\$ 5,846.92	\$ 6,285.44	\$ 6,756.85	\$ 7,263.62
4	\$ 7,907.25	\$ 8,500.30	\$ 9,137.83	\$ 9,823.17	\$10,559.91	\$11,351.91
6	\$15,810.86	\$16,996.69	\$18,271.44	\$19,641.80	\$21,134.58	\$22,719.68
8	\$25,297.61	\$27,194.93	\$29,234.55	\$31,427.15	\$33,784.19	\$36,318.01
10	\$36,362.64	\$39,089.84	\$42,021.58	\$45,173.20	\$48,561.19	\$52,203.28

In addition to the fixed charge above, each industrial water customer of the utility shall pay an additional sum for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed.

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$1.70	\$1.83	\$1.96	\$2.11	\$2.27	\$2.44
\$1.58	\$1.70	\$1.83	\$1.96	\$2.11	\$2.27

Customers must consume a minimum of 25,000 cubic feet per day of water to qualify as an industrial user.

3. Private Fire System Connections shall be as follows:

“Connection” shall mean individual line size (not size of water appurtenance).

Bi Monthly Charge:

Connection Size	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
4"	\$ 38.15	\$ 41.01	\$ 44.09	\$ 47.40	\$ 50.95	\$ 54.77
6"	\$ 76.23	\$ 81.95	\$ 88.09	\$ 94.70	\$ 101.80	\$ 109.44
8"	\$ 131.18	\$ 141.02	\$ 151.60	\$ 162.97	\$ 175.19	\$ 188.33
10"	\$ 182.46	\$ 196.14	\$ 210.86	\$ 226.67	\$ 243.67	\$ 261.94

4. Service Outside City Limits:

The normal rates for water and sewer service to individual accounts located outside the City boundaries shall be 1.5 times the in-City rate.

5. New Connection Charges:

For new water service connections, the meter installation charge shall be as follows:

<u>CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
3/4 x 5/8 meter set only	\$356.00	\$ 534.00
1" meter set only	\$750.00	\$1,125.00

Over 1 inch to be charged on actual construction costs, including labor, materials, equipment, plus 15% overhead (or customer can have contractor install per City specifications). The City does not construct service lines; these must be constructed to City standards by a licensed contractor.

6. Wholesale or Bulk Resale Rates:

Rates charged to other public entities for bulk water for resale purposes shall be at a rate for every 100 cubic feet of water delivered, plus the applicable minimum service charge for the metered connection, as follows:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$0.96	\$1.03	\$1.11	\$1.19	\$1.28	\$1.37

Bi Monthly Charge:

Connection Size	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1"	\$ 24.82	\$ 26.68	\$ 28.68	\$ 30.84	\$ 33.15	\$ 35.63
1.5"	\$ 37.01	\$ 39.79	\$ 42.77	\$ 45.98	\$ 49.43	\$ 53.14
2"	\$ 55.23	\$ 59.38	\$ 63.83	\$ 68.62	\$ 73.76	\$ 79.29
3"	\$ 111.37	\$ 119.72	\$ 128.70	\$ 138.35	\$ 148.73	\$ 159.89
4"	\$ 185.35	\$ 199.25	\$ 214.20	\$ 230.26	\$ 247.53	\$ 266.10
6"	\$ 278.37	\$ 299.25	\$ 321.69	\$ 345.82	\$ 371.76	\$ 399.64

7. Sewer Rates for All Residential and Commercial Users within the Corporate Limits

BI-MONTHLY CHARGE

SERVICE TYPE

A. All residential dwellings

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$ 95.57	\$ 98.44	\$ 101.39	\$ 104.43	\$ 107.57	\$ 108.96

B. Apartments (Plus \$5.89 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 1300 cubic feet)

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$ 95.57	\$ 98.44	\$ 101.39	\$ 104.43	\$ 107.57	\$ 108.96

C. (1) All Commercial Users

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$ 95.57	\$ 98.44	\$ 101.39	\$ 104.43	\$ 107.57	\$ 108.96

- (2) In addition, all commercial users consuming a quantity of water greater than 1300 cubic feet shall be charged for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 1300 cubic feet.

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$6.33	\$6.81	\$7.32	\$7.87	\$8.46	\$9.09
\$5.89	\$6.07	\$6.25	\$6.44	\$6.63	\$6.70

8. Sewer Rates for All industrial Users within the Corporate Limits:

All industrial customers shall pay the following sewer rates based on water consumption:

BI-MONTHLY FIXED CHARGE

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
\$ 7.56	\$ 7.79	\$ 8.02	\$ 8.26	\$ 8.51	\$ 8.62

VOLUME CHARGE

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Per CCF	\$ 2.99	\$ 3.08	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.41

Customer must consume a minimum of 25,000 cubic feet per day of water to qualify as an industrial customer.

9. Treatment of "High Strength Waste" – Surcharge:

In the event that "high strength waste" is accepted for treatment by the Facilities, a surcharge shall be imposed and paid to the TRRWA in addition to any other charges for sewage treatment as follows:

BOD:	\$ 0.40 per pound
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ 0.55 per pound

Such surcharge shall be assessed to "high strength waste" which is hereby defined to be waste that is in excess of a baseline concentration of 250 mg/l.

Such surcharge shall be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{BOD: } & (\text{concentration [mg/l]} - 250 \text{ mg/l}) \times 8.34 \times \text{flow (mgd)} \times \$0.40 \\ \text{SS: } & (\text{concentration [mg/l]} - 250 \text{ mg/l}) \times 8.34 \times \text{flow (mgd)} \times \$0.55\end{aligned}$$

10. Miscellaneous

1. The City does not tap the sewer main for side-sewers. This work must be completed by a licensed contractor.
2. Sewer service calls at cost of labor, material, and equipment with a minimum of \$50.00 per call.
3. Turn-on fee for new customers or for water that was temporarily turned off \$10.00.
4. Water reconnection fee after water is turned off for non-payment but not padlocked is \$35.00. Padlock fee is an additional \$10.00.
5. Penalty for meter tampering is \$100.00 to be paid as a condition to resumption of service.
6. Meter removal charge is \$75.00. (Meters are removed where, in the City's judgment, such is necessary to insure that water will not be used without authorization.
7. Water and Sewer Adjustments
 - a. Water charge adjustments for water leaks will be allowed where sufficient evidence is presented to the City to show that water registering on the meter was not consumed for domestic purposes but was due to leaks or damage on customer's side of the meter, which has been

repaired and approved by the Public Works Director or his designee, an adjustment may be made by payment of a pumping charge of \$0.58 per 100 cubic feet in lieu of the normal consumption rates. Such rates shall only be applied to that portion of consumption that exceeded annual monthly average amounts of consumption (base amount) for representative period where no leak or damage effected water consumption.

b. Sewer charges exceeding the base amount will be adjusted by estimating the quantity of wastewater entering the sewer system. The maximum adjustment period shall be two months.

All other adjustments shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Public Works Director. A utility customer who suffers a monetary loss for water or sewer services without fault or neglect on the part of the utility customer shall notify the City's Public Works Department in writing setting forth the facts and circumstances surrounding the loss.

The Public Works Department shall do an investigation and make a determination on whether the utility customer is due an adjustment on his utility bill and the amount of said adjustment, if any, or whether no adjustment is due the utility customer. The City shall then notify the customer in writing of said determination. If an adjustment is due the utility customer, said adjustment will be reflected on the utility customer's next normal billing cycle.

For water leaks wherein that water does not return to the sewer, the Public Works Director or his designee may estimate the quantity and make the appropriate fee adjustment.

If a determination is made that an adjustment is not due the utility customer, the utility customer may appeal this determination. A notice of appeal shall be made in writing to the City Clerk describing the basis for the appeal not more than ten days after notice to the utility customer of the determination which forms the basis for the appeal. Thereafter, an appeal meeting shall be scheduled by the City Clerk within twenty business days. The appeal board shall consist of the City Manager, City Clerk, and Public Works Director.

8. Water meter test deposit \$25.00.

9. Cleaning Usage Fee – an owner of property or a property manager may pay a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 to have the water turned on for cleaning purposes for a period of 5 days only. After 5 days, the water will be automatically turned off and padlocked. The \$25.00 fee will allow up to 300 cubic feet of water usage. If water is used in excess of 300 cubic feet, the owner or property manager will be charged an additional \$3.26 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed, to be billed when the water is turned off. If the owner or property manager wishes the water to remain on after 5 days, then they must make a \$60.00 deposit in addition to the \$25.00 fee.

11. Capital Recovery Fees – Water Connections:

<u>CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>METER EQUIVALENTS</u> (Compound Meter)	<u>CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE</u>
3/4 x 5/8"	1	\$ 1,969
1"	2.5	\$ 4,923
1.5"	5.0	\$ 9,845
2"	8.00	\$ 15,752

3"	16	\$ 31,504
4"	25	\$ 49,225
6"	50	\$ 98,450
8"	80	\$ 157,520
10"	115	\$ 226,435

12. Capital Recovery Fees – Sewer Connections:

<u>CONNECTIONS</u>	<u>METER EQUIVALENTS</u> (Compound Meter)	<u>CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE</u>
3/4 x 5/8"	1	\$ 2,254
1"	2.5	\$ 5,635
1.5"	5.0	\$ 11,270
2"	8.00	\$ 18,032
3"	16	\$ 36,064
4"	25	\$ 56,350
6"	50	\$ 112,700
8"	80	\$ 180,320
10"	115	\$ 259,210

In addition to all "hook-up" charges, sanitary sewer service charges and other existing charge and fees imposed by a member entity or by the TRRWA, a System Development Charge (SDC) for waste water treatment in the sum of \$1,957.00 will be charged for each new Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) hereafter connected to the facilities of the TRRWA through the sanitary sewer lines of the member entities in accordance with the following conversion tables:

<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>		<u>COMMERCIAL</u>	<u>INDUSTRIAL</u>
<u>Dwelling</u>	ERU's per <u>Dwelling Unit</u>	<u>Water Meter Size</u> <u>(Inches)</u>	ERU's <u>Per Meter</u>
Single family	1.00	5/8	1.00
Duplex, 3 or 4-plex	0.86	3/4	1.50
Apartment (5 or more)	0.67	1	2.50
		1.5	5.00
		2	8.00
		3	16.00
		4	25.00
		6	50.00
		8	80.00

1 ERU per each
300 gallons per
day flow

13. Senior Citizens Reduction:

Senior Citizens occupying residential dwellings shall be eligible for a reduction of the water/sewer portion of their utility bill of four dollars (\$4.00) per billing period, provided they apply and are qualified for such a reduction pursuant to the authority contained in RCW 74.38.070 as a low-income senior citizen. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the rate reduction will be applied at \$2.00 for water service and \$2.00 for sewer service per billing period. Those customers receiving either water service or sewer service will only receive a \$2.00 reduction per billing period.

For purposes of implementing this section, "low-income senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-one-(61) years of age or older and whose total income, including that of his or her spouse or co-tenant, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 84.36.381(5) as it now exists or is hereafter amended. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the definitions of "combined disposable income," "disposable income" and "co-tenant" shall be as defined in RCW 84.36.383(5), (6), and (7), as they now exist or are hereafter amended.

14. Rates for Water Hydrant Meter Rentals – Services:

Rates for water hydrant meter rentals shall, at a minimum, consist of a \$950.00 deposit, and a meter charge of \$5.00 per day, and a minimum charge of \$20.00 for wholesale or bulk resale rates for water consumption. The City Manager or his designee shall have authority to issue water hydrant meter permits in a form to be made available by the City Clerk.

SECTION 2. The rates adopted in this ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after its passage and publication of summary as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 17th day of

March, 2009.



MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

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